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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 15, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti, St. Luke's Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, each new day is a beginning. Each day is Your gift to us to begin again, to change our lives and our hearts, to strive once more to change the face of this Nation and this Earth.

Each day may we move one step closer to making this world fully alive in Your image, a vision of compassion, love, forgiveness, truth and peace. May we follow Your way, which is the only path to You.

Thank You for the gift of this day, the gift of life, and the final gift of being fully alive in You.

We make this prayer in God's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the House Amendment with an Amendment; Agreed to the House Amendment to the title of the bill:

S. 386. An act to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 454) "An Act to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes," agrees to a conference asked by the House on

the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Messrs. LEVIN, KENNEDY, BYRD, LIEBERMAN, REED, AKAKA, NELSON (FL), NELSON (NE), BAYH, WEBB, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. UDALL (CO), Mrs. HAGAN, Messrs. BEGICH, BURRIS, MCCAIN, INHOFE, SESSIONS, CHAMBLISS, GRAHAM, THUNE, MARTINEZ, WICKER, BURR, VITTER, and Ms. COLLINS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1841. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared by Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1842. A letter from the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction,

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